



California Fair Political Practices Commission

June 8, 1989

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Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. I-89-328

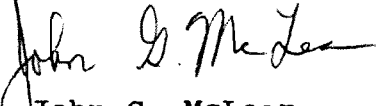
Dear Mr. Leidigh:

We have received your letter of May 25, 1989 (copy attached) seeking written confirmation of the advice I provided in our recent telephone conversation. This is to confirm that your letter accurately reflects that advice.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (916) 322-5901.

Sincerely,

Kathryn E. Donovan
General Counsel


By: John G. McLean
Counsel, Legal Division

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Attachment

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May 25, 1989

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John G. McLean
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FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
428 "J" Street, Suite 800
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HAND DELIVERED

RE: FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION ON ADVICE LETTER NO. I-89-175

Dear Mr. McLean:

This letter is to memorialize our two telephone conversations of the past two days. These conversations were a follow-up to my receipt of the above-referenced advice letter. The purpose was clarification of the advice rendered in that letter. As I discussed with you on the telephone, if you have any disagreement with the contents of this letter please advise me at once, as I intend to advise my client, the Senate Rules Committee, in accordance with this letter.

1. "FYI" Cards: On this issue, I sought clarification regarding the inclusion of such standard phrases as "For your information" or "Per your request" on the cards. You indicated that such phrases, including "compliments of" would be permissible **so long as** they appear **below** the "letterhead" logo and name of the elected officeholder. However, it is not permissible for them to appear **above** the "letterhead" logo or name of the elected officeholder.

Stated differently, the "letterhead" exception assumes that the name/logotype will appear at the "head" of the letter. Consequently, the "FYI Cards" may be treated as being miniature letterhead stationery, subject to the same rules to which standard-sized letterhead stationery is subject.

2. Senate Committee Reports: We discussed the advice on this subject. You stated that the Commission's

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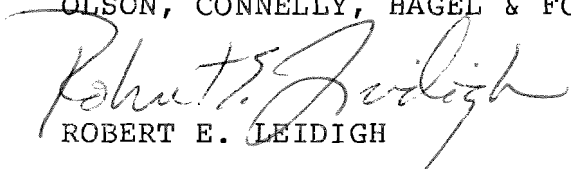
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view is that a Senate Committee report does not qualify as an "agency newsletter" and therefore is not eligible for the exception allowing a roster-type listing of the committee members rather than the standard letterhead format.

Very truly yours,

OLSON, CONNELLY, HAGEL & FONG



ROBERT E. LEIDIGH

cc: Senate Rules Committee



California Fair Political Practices Commission

June 1, 1989

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Re: Letter No. 89-328


Dear Mr. Leidigh:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on May 26, 1989 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact John McLean an attorney in the Legal Division, directly at (916) 322-5901.

We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or more information is needed, you should expect a response within 21 working days if your request seeks formal written advice. If more information is needed, the person assigned to prepare a response to your request will contact you shortly to advise you as to information needed. If your request is for informal assistance, we will answer it as quickly as we can. (See Commission Regulation 18329 (2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sec. 18329).)

You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,


Kathryn E. Donovan
General Counsel

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